

Today

Monkey and Tiger.
Russia's Government.
The Nation Saving Money.
Alsace-Lorraine and Americans.

By ARTHUR BRISBANE.

Four years ago Germany was bombarding Belgium forts with heavy guns in what was supposed to be a quick dash to Paris.

Now American cannon are bombarding the great German fortress of Metz, silencing batteries and destroying bridges. That tells the war story, the change since this country started.

Officers from Europe tell of the desire of American soldiers to do their first fighting, if possible, for the restoration of Alsace and Lorraine to France.

There could be no more glorious act of gratitude than for this country to contribute men and cannon that would restore Alsace and Lorraine to the French republic and remove the mourning emblems that Paris has so long kept on the statue of Strasbourg in the Place de la Concorde.

A comic picture in Prussia just now is the brother-in-law of the Kaiser painfully learning to say a few words in Finnish, a language almost as difficult as the Chinese.

The imperial brother-in-law has been chosen by the Kaiser to sit on the throne of Finland and be made number one of the brood of new kings that the Kaiser thought (four years ago) he was destined to scatter over the face of Europe.

Scheidemann, the German Socialist leader, upbraids the Kaiser with a fierceness indicating that the Kaiser's nerve is not what it was.

The Socialist leader denounces the little "crownlets" as preposterous.

If Socialists had all talked in that way four years ago instead of saying joining in what they were pleased to call a magnificent war "of defense," more of them would be alive today and Germany would be better off.

Taxes are high and war is costly; but figures put before the bankers at Denver are comforting from the American point of view.

The outside world owes the United States now about six billion dollars, and if the war goes along at the present rate, will owe the United States nine billions within a year.

The money is well invested with people that will pay it back and pay interest in the meanwhile.

It will bring into the Government every year until paid four hundred and fifty million dollars in interest annually. Enough to build the Panama Canal over again and connect the Great Lakes with the Gulf of Mexico by a good water road. We have been saving as well as spending—our loans to the allies are the saving. It has not been all expense.

A message sent by the President through the Secretary of State reveals a condition in Russia most horrible in its anarchy, cruelty and savagery.

"Men are half monkey, half tiger," is an old saying. What is true of a man is true of a nation. The tiger is kept down in the individual by fear of law, and the tiger is kept down in the nation by intelligence, by the educated rule of wiser men.

Russia is abandoned to those that openly boast their hatred of all that is decent.

The statement sent through the Secretary of State tells most vividly of the great task that will confront civilization when the head tiger of Prussia shall have been conquered, and the next problem will be the salvation of the Russian people through the intelligence and civilization of Western Europe and America.

Fortunately, the United States will be able to do its share now and next year and later if necessary.

The latest figures show one million seven hundred and fifty thousand American soldiers in Europe. It is not boasting to say that there are no better soldiers, none more willing and anxious to fight for justice.

Another year will see in Europe an American army as great as the army of France or England, if not greater, an army of fresh well fed, well armed men. The power is here in this country and the intelligence and will to use it.

Big as the problems are that must follow this war they will be met and solved.

It is suggested that the President establish a Liberty Day, that the date selected be October 12, four hundred and twenty-sixth anniversary of Columbus' discovery of the New World.

If we are ready for a Liberty Day right away without waiting for the complete victory of liberty, October 12 would be a good day. For out of the land that Columbus discovered goes the force that is to give liberty to Europe.

But if the war should drag along until next spring or summer it might not be a bad idea to combine Liberty Day, celebrating the defeat of Prussia with the Liberty Day that already celebrates the Declaration of Independence.

The Fourth of July, as it happens, is the birthday of a great Italian and lover of liberty, Garibaldi, born on July 4, 1807.

Liberty Day, of course will be that on which without any ifs or buts, the Kaiser cables to Woodrow Wilson "I'm done, finished. Write your own peace terms."

WEATHER:

Fair and somewhat warmer tonight and Tuesday. Temperature at 8 a. m. 42 degrees. Normal temperature on September 23, for the last thirty years, 66 degrees.

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ALLIES MAKE GREAT GAINS IN MACEDONIA TURKISH ARMY WIPED OUT IN PALESTINE

Statement By Mr. Brisbane

His Work and His Writings in The Times Are
His Answer to Any Allegation
Of Pro-Germanism.

The following statement by Mr. Brisbane was given by him to the Associated Press last night and was generally printed in the newspapers of the country this morning:

"In my statement recently published I have told the facts in regard to my purchase of The Washington Times. Since then various statements, surmises, and innuendoes, which are entirely false, have appeared in a number of newspapers. I wish to correct the more important of these allegations.

"The thing that I am chiefly concerned about is the false allegation that I and my paper are, or have been at any time, in any way pro-German.

"Mr. A. Mitchell Palmer, the alien property custodian, made public a letter written by Mr. Alexander Konta. That letter has no conceivable connection with my paper or with myself.

"I was introduced to Mr. Alexander Konta eight or nine years ago by Mr. Butes, the private secretary of Lord Northcliffe and previously private secretary of Joseph Pulitzer.

"I have not seen nor heard from Mr. Alexander Konta for at least eight years. I know nothing whatever of his sentiments, and he knows nothing of mine. And his letter, written two years before I bought The Washington Times, makes no reference, direct or indirect, to me or to my paper.

"Mr. Geoffrey Konta, of 120 Broadway, stepson of Mr. Alexander Konta, is the Mr. Konta who is my attorney. I have never had the slightest business connection or association with Mr. Alexander Konta.

Defeat of Germany His Greatest Desire.

"It is not difficult for me to establish the facts as to my sympathies and activities in this war.

"After the war broke out, in December, 1914, I was ill in the hospital in Atlanta, having gone to Atlanta in connection with the case of Mr. Leo Frank, whom I believed unjustly accused of murder.

"My one desire was, then, and has been ever since, to see the quickest possible defeat of Germany.

"I cabled Lord Northcliffe my belief that the use of American hydraulic mining machinery against the German trenches would be effective by flooding and undermining them.

"I then expended several thousand dollars in securing a number of so-called 'hydraulic giants' of the different sizes, which I sent to Lord Northcliffe by express for experimental purposes.

Writings Open to Everybody.

"As to my newspaper attitude, my writings in The Washington Times concerning the war are, of course, open to everybody.

"The paper has been read by the most important officials of the Government, from whom I have had frequent letters of commendation because of my attitude on the war.

"From the day that I became owner of The Washington Times, I defy any newspaper critic to quote one line or one word on the subject of Germany written by me or published in that paper that was not a denunciation of Germany, or Prussia, or of the Kaiser and his methods.

"Before anybody else in the United States, I wrote conspicuous editorials for Mr. Hearst's newspapers urging the building of thousands of flying machines as the best and quickest method of bringing the Kaiser to his knees by widespread dynamiting.

"These editorials I wrote before the nation was at war, because of my sympathy with the allies; and I have written constantly upon the subject since then, in addition to writing personal letters to the most important officials in Washington, urging utmost activity in the flying machine department.

"I have never written one line in favor of Germany and I have written hundreds of columns in denunciation of Germany and her methods and purposes in this war.

"I do not think there is any paper in the United States or any editor in the United States who has been as bitterly, as violently and as persistently pro-ally and anti-German as I have been. And I know that the accusations against me, therefore, are not only untruthful, but wholly insincere.

"I believe that every unprejudiced newspaper editor in the country will know that this is a fact."

CUTS PULLMAN RED TAPE

Selling of railroad and Pullman tickets in a single transaction at ticket offices will be put into effect November 1 at the latest, the Railroad Administration announces.

This will eliminate the system by which a traveler is required to purchase a transportation ticket at 2 cents a mile, or 3 cents if he intends to travel in a Pullman, and then to get his Pullman reservation at another window.

KAISER SERIOUSLY ILL

PARIS, Sept. 23.—Exchange Telegraph Company has learned from Switzerland that the Kaiser is seriously indisposed and has been compelled to cancel all immediate engagements.

BIG ARMY HOSPITAL

A 2,500-bed hospital is to be erected at a cost of \$2,491,000 at Camp Knox, Stithon, Ky.

District School Bells Ring Out Vacation's Knell



Little Johnny, with his sister, Mary, repacked his school books today and, with a nice, red apple in hand, sallied forth to greet his teacher at the re-opening of the District public schools. About 65,000 other Washington boys and girls did likewise.

The school officials estimate the enrollment to be the largest on record here.

ASSESS HOMES ON PRE-WAR TAX BASIS

By BILL PRICE.

The Board of Assessors of the District, of which William P. Richards is chairman, is beginning the most interesting assessment of District real estate ever undertaken, and thousands of property owners will follow the work with keen concern.

It is the biennial assessment, upon which taxation will be collected in 1920. The work must be finished and open for inspection in January, 1919, and is subject to appeal until the following June, when the assessments then decided on will be the basis for taxation in May, 1920.

The value of land and improvements in the District under the last biennial assessment was \$410,175,609, upon which the District collected in May last more than \$6,000,000 of taxation.

The board has given careful consideration to the abnormal conditions under which it will work and has reached a tentative agreement that Washington citizens generally will not have their properties assessed upon the inflated war prices paid for some parts of the District in the last year.

The assessors must be guided by the law and interpretations placed thereon by the courts of the District.

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FLETCHER BRINGING REPORT ON MEXICO

MEXICO CITY, Sept. 23.—American Ambassador Fletcher leaves here today for Washington, where he will make a report to the State Department. He conferred with President Carranza yesterday afternoon.

The Mexican government is furnishing a special car and a heavy escort for the trip.

SITUATIONS WANTED

STENOGRAPHER—Experienced young lady desires position in law office; salary \$25 weekly. Main 4619. 29

This lady secured a position from the above advertisement in The Times. She told us that she had more offers than she could answer.

If you want to better your present position phone an ad to The Times. An experienced operator will help you compose it.

PRESS CLUB "CANS" ITS DRESS SUITS

"Can" the dress suit until we "can" the Kaiser" is the admonition to members of the National Press Club by Labert St. Clair, chairman of the club's entertainment committee.

St. Clair's request was included in an announcement sent out today inviting the Washington newspaper correspondents to the "open evening" when the Fourth Liberty loan campaign will be launched Friday night.

Vice President Marshall and several Cabinet members will speak, and Geraldine Farrar, grand opera star, will sing. More than a hundred wounded soldiers, who are at Walter Reed Hospital, have been invited.

St. Clair's instruction to pack away dress suits for the period of the war affects more than 1,500 newspaper men in all parts of the country and is said to be the first such action taken by any social club in the United States.

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ATTACKS HOOVER'S EXEMPTION PLANS

Food Administrator Hoover is planning to have a blanket exemption under the eighteen to forty-five draft thrown around subordinates of the national and State food administrations, Congressmen Madden of Illinois declared in the House today.

AUSTRIAN STRIKERS RIOT

ZURICH, Sept. 23.—As the result of a general strike in Salzburg (Austria) a state of siege has been proclaimed, according to reports here. The demonstrations, it is said, continue.

WAR OVER IN YEAR, SAYS SEN. LEWIS

The war in Europe cannot and will not last more than a year. This is the prediction of Senator James Hamilton Lewis of Illinois, who has been abroad and who was in the Senate chamber again today. Senator Lewis, in talking with his colleagues, impressed on them the fact that America has but to keep driving on with her utmost power to bring about, with the other allies, the end of the war and victory.

In a word, Senator Lewis declares that Germany will eventually make peace on any terms to escape an utter debacle for German autocracy. The unwillingness of Austria to be made a vassal of Germany as she would be with German victory is at the bottom of the difficulties of Berlin.

This menace presented to Germany by her own ally, Austria, Senator Lewis said today, was the thing that most impressed him in his visit to Europe.

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SOVIET GUNMEN KILL FROM AMBUSH

With guns muffled by silencers, and their deeds hidden by night in cellars, Soviet firing squads are indiscriminately killing former officers and other representative people in Russia without trial.

This was one of the details in a resume of Russian conditions received by the State Department today. It showed that the "fierce charge of being 'dangerous to the Soviet'" was sufficient to cost a man his life.

Executions, rival the revolutionary slaughter of other days. Death warrants are signed by a man named Peters who does not even read them. Conditions everywhere are "appalling," say persons coming out of Russia.

School books, 2d hand and new. Lowdermilk & Co., 1418 F St. N. W.—Adv.

BULGAR PRESS UNITED FOR PEACE

(By Agency Radio to the U. S. S. R.)
BOMBAY, Sept. 23.—The Vardar has not received any appeal from Austria to exert its influence toward bringing about peace.

Well-informed ecclesiastics predict that Pope Benedict will not, of his own initiative, take any action in the matter at the present time, recalling the failure of his previous efforts to start negotiations.

ZURICH, Sept. 23.—The Bulgarian press is unanimously in favor of peace, according to information obtained here today.

"It is high time to listen to reason," declares the Propere.

"The success of the entente in France cannot be denied," the Vir says.

"For accomplishment of peace," says the Narod, "it is necessary that the period of negotiations, which are on the verge of beginning, shall be terminated as quickly as possible."

BOLSHEVIKI JOIN IN AUSTRIAN PROPOSAL

ZURICH, Sept. 23.—The Soviet government of Russia has joined in the Austrian proposal for peace negotiations, according to rumors contained in dispatches from Kovno.

ITALY AND AUSTRIA NOT NEGOTIATING

ROME, Sept. 23.—German newspaper reports that Italy and Austria were negotiating for peace were officially denied here today.

PREDICT PRESIDENT JOINT 1920 NOMINEE

LONDON, Sept. 23.—The Sunday Pictorial, which is owned by Lord Rothermere, a brother of Viscount Northcliffe, says: "We learn from the fact that the League of Nations is jointly agreed to nominate Woodrow Wilson for President at the next election. It is felt that he must remain in office until after peace is declared. The unwritten rule that no man shall be President for more than two terms will be waived."

25 VILLAGES ARE CAPTURED IN 48 HOURS BY ENTENTE

PARIS, Sept. 23.—Allied forces in Macedonia have captured twenty-five additional villages in the last forty-eight hours, according to a dispatch received here today.

The great wedge driven into the Bulgarian lines between Monastir and Lake Doiran already has virtually separated Bulgaria's armies in southern Serbia and northeastern Greece.

Both the railway supplying the Bulgarians in the Lake Doiran region and the German built railway serving Prilep have been cut. The Serbian war office reports that the enemy in all the surrounding country is feeling the effects of these operations "enormously."

The allied advance, up to Saturday, had reached a depth of more than forty miles between the Vardar and eastern reach of the Cerna.

Four Miles From Border.
No incursion has yet been reported into Bulgarian territory, but the allies are now within five miles of the Serbo-Bulgarian frontier, northwest of Lake Doiran, and their lines between Lake Doiran and the Struma river approach to within less than four miles of the Greek-Bulgarian border at one point.

The latest reports from Palestine indicate that the entire Turkish army which occupied the front between the Jordan river and the Mediterranean has been virtually wiped out. The British have advanced more than sixty miles from their original line, capturing 18,000 Turks and 120 guns.

Struggling in West.
The British and Germans are still struggling for possession of the Hindenburg line between Cambrai and St. Quentin, where the forces are slowly showing forward in small sectors. Farther north, the British made progress on a front of nearly a mile east of Gavrelle, on the main Arras-Douai highway.

ALLIES CUT SUPPLY LINES OF BULGARS

LONDON, Sept. 23.—Allied troops in Macedonia have cut the railway from Gradsko to Prilip, according to the Serbian official communique received here today.

The Uskup-Salonika railway also has been cut, thus stopping all supplies to the Bulgarians on the whole sixty-five-mile front from Prilip eastward to the Lake Doiran region.

Up to Saturday the allies had made an advance of more than forty miles, certain infantry units advancing twenty-five miles in one day.

"To Saturday we advanced a depth of over 65 kilometers," the communique said. Certain infantry units advanced forty kilometers in one day. "Certain elements crossed to the left bank of the Vardar and cut the main railway from Scopelo (Uskup) to Salonika. Our troops also crossed the Cerna and cut the railway from Gradsko (on the left bank of the Vardar, twenty-five miles northeast of Prilip) to Prilip.

"All the surrounding enemy is feeling the effects enormously."

EASTERN SUCCESS IMPORTANT FACTOR

Military events of tremendous importance have taken place in the Balkans and in Turkey. All of the lower part of Serbia and virtually all of the Holy Land have been cleared of enemy forces.

Battling upon the field of Armageddon, where, according to the Bible prophecy, the last great struggle will be waged before the Millennium, British and French troops have routed the Turks, capturing a whole army of 20,000 men.

The way is slowly but surely being opened to Constantinople, but a nearer objective is the cutting of the communication lines at Aleppo, which supply the Turkish armies in Mesopotamia (eastern Turkey). The German war machine, while be-